

Shorter Hours Are Urged by Green As Permanent Unemployment Remed

**A. F. of L. President Visions Increase in Jobless Army
But Warns That Organized Labor Will Militant
Resist Attempts of Employers to Slash Wages During
the Recession in Business.**

TEXAS ROAD WORKERS

*By A. F. of L. News Service,
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GAIN WAGE INCREASE

State Labor Federation Warns Against Contractors Violating Provisions of Wagner-Peyser Law; Workers Urged to File Claims for \$200,000 Lump-Sum Benefits Due Under Social Security Act.

By A. F. N. L. News Service.
Austin, Texas.—The Texas State Federation of Labor, in a statement today, warned contractors against violating provisions of the Wagner-Peyser law, which requires that workers be paid for unemployment benefits.

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out the State, he been following through a number of complaints alleging that contractors on State work are defeating the purposes of the Prevailing Wage Law by using intermediate grade labor at skilled occupations, to evade the payment of the skilled workers' rate. Cooperation of local unions

Largely as a result of efforts of organized labor, the heretofore sub-standard rate for some workers has been raised to a minimum of 40 cents an hour for common labor and 50 cents an hour for intermediate or serving labor, with \$1 minimum per hour for skilled labor. The order was issued

Other current activities of the Texas State Federation of Labor include efforts to co-operate with the field office of the year 1937, justify the conclusion that unemployment is a result of

ness, several thousands of persons in Texas have not filed claims for lump-sum payments to which they are entitled under the Social Security Act. California is paying \$200,000 in lump-sum payments to persons who have not claimed them. In Texas, to those who reached 65 years of age in 1937, or beneficiaries of deceased persons who reached 65 during 1937 and for whom prior taxes had been paid.

W. VA. LABOR FEDERATION REORGANIZATION BEGUN

Dillon Opens Office in Charleston;
Plans Establishment of State Body
Loyal to American Federation of
Labor.

Charleston, West Va., (AP) — Francis J. Dillon, American Federation of Labor representative, has based his state office in the Security Building here, and has announced plans to reorganize the West Virginia Federation of Labor.

Dillon, who has been in the state for several days, said he would establish a state body loyal to the American Federation of Labor, and would attempt to bring the state labor movement back to the A. F. of L. fold.

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Mr. Dillon was assigned to West Virginia by President William Green, with instructions to procure the books, papers, property and records of the W. Va.

who refused to conform with the law and decisions of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. relative to C. I. O. activities and sympathies.

"It has been and will continue to be our policy to carry out the instructions recorded in Cincinnati's great saga, an industrial struggle, between the dry employees and owners.

Preferential Shop Secured

A union contract signed by the

"The laws, rules and decisions of the American Federation of Labor must be conformed with and respected by officers of chartered state federations of labor. I am hopeful that those hon-

It will be our purpose to institute a vigorous organizing campaign and respond in an orderly manner to convene a convention representative of all local unions loyal to the A. F. of L. and

**P. O. DEPT. CHARWOMEN AND
CHARMEN GET WAGE BOOST**

Washington, D. C. (AFLN).—Congress passed and sent to the President for his signature a bill providing a pay increase of five cents an hour for charwomen and charwomen employed in the

The measure, affecting about 2,000 employees, raises the wage rates from 50 to 55 cents an hour for most of the workers and from 55 to 60 cents an hour for the head charmen and charwomen.

mittee, said the wage increase involves an annual expenditure of \$162,344.

ST. LOUIS WINE FIRM

ployes of 22 Firms.

New York, N. Y. (AFL-NS) - charter recently granted to the American Federation of Wholesale Dry Gro-

Forty-Four Hour Week, Minimum Wage Rates and Vacations With Pay Included in Agreement With

St. Louis, Mo. (AFLNS).—In keeping with the progress being reported by similar A. F. of L. local unions in different sections of the country.

The Union is conducting a successful strike against the S. H. K. Warehouse. They are also negotiating for a contract for the warehouse employees of the F. W. Woolworth Co.

for overtime and holidays. Minimum hourly wage rates run from 40 to 55 cents, according to the nature of work performed, and, after a year's service with the company, the agreement pro-

...carrying out their plan or campaign.



